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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, January 6th, 2020

TIME:

6:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER  
1414 Monroe Avenue  
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

C O U N C I L M E M B E R S :

MICHAEL DEMPSEY, President

THOMAS HALLINAN, Vice President

CAROL SCRIMALLI

VINCE AMICO

THOMAS EHNOT

JANET BRIER

ELIZABETH ZANGARDI

THOMAS P. CUMMINGS, Esquire, Solicitor

TIMOTHY BURKE, Mayor

MARIA McCOOL, RPR  
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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3 MAYOR BURKE: Roll call, Tom,

4 please?

5 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Amico.

6 MR. AMICO: Here.

7 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Brier.

8 MS. BRIER: Here.

9 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

11 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Ehnnot.

12 MR. EHNOT: Here.

13 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.

14 MR. HALLINAN: Here.

15 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Scrimalli.

16 MS. SCRIMALLI: Here.

17 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Zangardi.

18 MS. ZANGARDI: Here.

19 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mayor Burke.

20 MAYOR BURKE: Here.

21 ATTY. CUMMINGS: There will be no

22 public comment on agenda items as the only

23 agenda item is the swearing in. There will be

24 public comment thereafter. Mayor Burke for the

25 swearing in if the four would please rise and

1           come forward.

2                   MAYOR BURKE: Please repeat after me  
3           and say I, state your name and follow. I --

4                   MR. DEMPSEY: I --

5                   MR. AMICO: I --

6                   MS. BRIER: I --

7                   MS. ZANGARDI: I --

8                   MAYOR BURKE: -- do solemnly

9           swear --

10                   MR. DEMPSEY: -- do solemnly

11           swear --

12                   MR. AMICO: -- do solemnly swear --

13                   MS. BRIER: -- do solemnly swear --

14                   MS. ZANGARDI: -- do solemnly

15           swear --

16                   MAYOR BURKE: -- that I will

17           support, obey --

18                   MR. DEMPSEY: -- that I will

19           support, obey --

20                   MR. AMICO: -- that I will support,

21           obey --

22                   MS. BRIER: -- that I will support,

23           obey --

24                   MS. ZANGARDI: -- that I will

25           support, obey --

1                   MAYOR BURKE: -- and defend the  
2                   Constitution of the United States --

3                   MR. DEMPSEY: -- and defend the  
4                   Constitution of the United States --

5                   MR. AMICO: -- and defend the  
6                   Constitution of the United States --

7                   MS. BRIER: -- and defend the  
8                   Constitution of the United States --

9                   MS. ZANGARDI: -- and defend the  
10                  Constitution of the United States --

11                  MAYOR BURKE: -- and the  
12                  Constitution of the Commonwealth --

13                  MR. DEMPSEY: -- and the  
14                  Constitution of the Commonwealth --

15                  MR. AMICO: -- and the Constitution  
16                  of the Commonwealth --

17                  MS. BRIER: -- and the Constitution  
18                  of the Commonwealth --

19                  MS. ZANGARDI: -- and the  
20                  Constitution of the Commonwealth --

21                  MAYOR BURKE: -- and that I will  
22                  discharge the duties of the Council --

23                  MR. DEMPSEY: -- and that I will  
24                  discharge the duties of the Council --

25                  MR. AMICO: -- and that I will

1 discharge the duties of the Council --

2 MS. BRIER: -- and that I will

3 discharge the duties of the Council --

4 MS. ZANGARDI: -- and that I will

5 discharge the duties of the Council --

6 MAYOR BURKE: -- for the Borough of  
7 Dunmore with fidelity.

8 MR. DEMPSEY: -- for the Borough of  
9 Dunmore with fidelity.

10 MR. AMICO: -- for the Borough of  
11 Dunmore with fidelity.

12 MS. BRIER: -- for the Borough of  
13 Dunmore with fidelity.

14 MS. ZANGARDI: -- for the Borough of  
15 Dunmore with fidelity.

16 MAYOR BURKE: Congratulations.  
17 Okay, now Council will make a motion to -- for  
18 President and Vice President.

19 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make a motion,  
20 Michael Dempsey as President of Dunmore  
21 Council.

22 MS. BRIER: Second.

23 MR. EHNOT: I'll second.

24 MAYOR BURKE: All those in favor.

25 MR. AMICO: Aye.

1 MR. HALLINAN: Aye.

2 MS. BRIER: Aye.

3 MR. EHNOT: Aye.

4 MS. SCRIMALLI: Aye.

5 MS. ZANGARDI: Aye.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll abstain.

7 MAYOR BURKE: Okay, now Vice  
8 President.

9 MR. EHNOT: I'll make a motion to  
10 make Thomas Hallinan Vice President of Council.

11 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll second it.

12 MAYOR BURKE: All in favor?

13 MR. AMICO: Aye.

14 MS. BRIER: Aye.

15 MR. EHNOT: Aye.

16 MS. SCRIMALLI: Aye.

17 MS. ZANGARDI: Aye.

18 MR. DEMPSEY: Aye.

19 MAYOR BURKE: Okay, I hand it over  
20 to you, Mike.

21 MR. DEMPSEY: All right. Thank you.  
22 First meeting -- well, third meeting I think  
23 we've had more than six people. So my  
24 apologizes. I thought it was at seven but I  
25 was wrong. So my apologizes.

1                   We'll turn it over to comments from  
2                   public officials now. Mayor Burke, do you want  
3                   to lead us of?

4                   MAYOR BURKE: Just congratulations  
5                   to everyone. I'm glad to see we have a great  
6                   crowd here. And I know this Council will  
7                   continue the tradition of Council and work very  
8                   hard and God bless everybody and  
9                   congratulations.

10                  MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, Mayor  
11                  Burke. Mr. Ruggiero.

12                  MR. RUGGIERO: Just congratulations  
13                  to everybody, look forward to working with you.

14                  MR. DEMPSEY: Attorney Cummings.

15                  ATTY. CUMMINGS: Congratulations to  
16                  the newly sworn members and to Council in  
17                  general, look forward to the year.

18                  MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, sir. Are  
19                  any of our department heads here? Chief  
20                  DeNaples, do you have anything, sir?

21                  CHIEF DENAPLES: Just  
22                  congratulations to all the new Council members,  
23                  look forward to working with everybody in the  
24                  new year.

25                  MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, Chief. Is

1 Chris back there? Mr. Kearney?

2 MR. KEARNEY: Congratulations, all.  
3 And I'll get you my phone numbers like  
4 everybody else. Congratulations. Happy New  
5 Year.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Like the whole town  
7 has. All right. Did I miss anybody? I'll  
8 turn it over to the newly elected.  
9 Mrs. Zangardi, would you like to lead us of?

10 MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you, everybody,  
11 for coming and thanks for the support and the  
12 votes. Thank you to my husband and Timmy Burke  
13 who got me into this mess. But thank you  
14 everybody for coming. We appreciate it.  
15 Grateful.

16 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, Mrs.  
17 Zangardi. Mrs. Brier.

18 MS. BRIER: Oh, yes, I too would  
19 like to thank everyone for all your support. I  
20 didn't have as long an election season as  
21 everyone else. So it was extremely gratifying  
22 to me the support we received. I think it was  
23 a group effort and extremely gratifying the  
24 number of people who came out and did something  
25 that was unusual and new.

1                   And I think it certainly says  
2 something about the will of the people of  
3 Dunmore. I'd like to thank my family in  
4 particular. And I don't know the 70 or 80  
5 people that showed up at my house every weekend  
6 to go door to door and to make phone calls.

7                   I particularly want to say how proud  
8 I am and humbled by this election and how much  
9 I look forward to working with everyone on  
10 Council as well as the Mayor to work  
11 collaboratively. I think it's really possible  
12 for all of us to work collaboratively.

13                   I think everyone here has the best  
14 interest of our town and will do their utmost  
15 to make it a great place -- the great place  
16 that it is, maintain what we have and improve  
17 it. So thank you very much.

18                   MR. DEMPSEY: Mr. Amico.

19                   MR. AMICO: I would like to thank  
20 you again everybody for coming out tonight.  
21 Congratulations to Beth and Janet for joining  
22 our Council and to Michael and Hal to continue  
23 our leadership. That's all I have. Thank you.

24                   MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, Mr. Amico.  
25 Mr. Hallinan.

1 MS. BRIER: One thing.

2 MR. DEMPSEY: Absolutely.

3 MS. BRIER: We're going up to the  
4 San Cataldo Club after this and everybody is  
5 invited, 316 Elizabeth Street.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, Mrs. Brier.  
7 Mr. Hallinan.

8 MR. HALLINAN: I can't wait to go up  
9 to the San Cataldo Club. Congratulations,  
10 guys. It's a lot of hard work. It's a lot of,  
11 you know, diligence. It's not as easy as you  
12 see it is. But there is a lot of rewards also  
13 that you'll be happy that you participated in  
14 and see it come to fruition when you put your  
15 energy into something. But best of luck and I  
16 look forward to working with each and every one  
17 of you.

18 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, sir.

19 MS. BRIER: Thank you.

20 MR. DEMPSEY: Mr. Ehnot.

21 MR. EHNOT: I just want to say  
22 congratulations to everyone, looking forward to  
23 working with you. And Merry Christmas to  
24 anyone who is celebrating the Julian calendar.

25 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, sir. Mrs.

1 Scrimalli.

2 MS. SCRIMALLI: I want to  
3 congratulate everyone on their elected  
4 positions here. I look forward to working with  
5 you all and thank you all for coming and Happy  
6 New Year to you all.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: I too would like to  
8 congratulate everybody on the election,  
9 especially our newcomers, Mrs. Brier and Mrs.  
10 Zangardi. I look forward to working with both  
11 of you as I have been working collaboratively  
12 with the other four for the last six years.

13 I do also appreciate the confidence  
14 that you have in me as electing me as your  
15 President. It is very time consuming. But I  
16 do have a lot of help with Mr. Hallinan and  
17 Mr. Amico, Mr. Ehnott and Mrs. Scrimalli do  
18 offer me a ton of help.

19 There's a lot that goes into it that  
20 you don't see out here. When you peek behind  
21 the curtain it's sometimes a horror show. But  
22 they help me out tremendously. So I appreciate  
23 that. And I would expect -- and I know that  
24 I'm going to get the same support from  
25 Mrs. Brier and Mrs. Zangardi.

1                   So I do look forward to the next two  
2 years as your President and possibly two more  
3 as a Councilman. And that's it. I look  
4 forward to working with the Mayor again as well  
5 and Vito and Attorney Cummings in the future.

6                   And, Chris and Chief, we can  
7 continue that great relationship that we have  
8 for the last six years. So I appreciate all  
9 you guys -- all the work that you guys do as  
10 well. That being said, I don't have anything  
11 else.

12                   ATTY. CUMMINGS: At your discretion  
13 it would be public comment. It's not required  
14 since there was no agenda items. Otherwise,  
15 you would adjourn.

16                   MR. DEMPSEY: There's a lot people  
17 here tonight. Would anybody like to address  
18 Council? Please feel free.

19                   (No response.)

20                   MR. DEMPSEY: Seeing none.

21                   ATTY. CUMMINGS: Motion to adjourn.

22                   MR. DEMPSEY: I will look for a  
23 motion to adjourn.

24                   MR. EHNOT: I'll make a motion to  
25 adjourn.

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MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion and a  
second. All those in favor.

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and  
we are adjourned.

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